



# Neighborhood Planning Assembly Draft Minutes

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Date of Assembly : \_\_6\_ / \_\_27\_ / 2022\_ Start Time: (Commence): \_7 PM\_\_

Location: Robert E. Miller Community Center\_\_ Finish Time: (Adjourn): 9 PM

Note taker: \_\_\_\_Sam Heinrichs\_\_\_\_ Please forward these official minutes to:

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## Steering Committee Members in Attendance:

Evan Litwin

Jeff Clark

Matt Hurlburt

Jeff Comstock

## Discussion Topics

- *These can be copied from agenda items*
- *Content of discussion not required*

## Actions Taken / Decisions Made

- *Immediately following Agenda Item*
- *Generally includes: electing a new steering committee member, voting as a body to send a formal communication to the City, decisions to spend money.*

## Agenda Items and Actions:

*Please Remember to Enter Adjournment Time!*

6:45 - 7:00 Arrival & Sign In

7:00 – 7:05 Introductions & Ground Rules

7:05 - 7:10 Community Announcements & Comments

7:10 - 8:00 Elected Officials

7:10 – 7:30 City Council

- June is the prime Budget month
- Lots of departments budgets have been approved with only a few left
- Major unions are renegotiating their contracts
- More Work has been done on Redistricting
- There will be greater attention put on removing anti-trans stickers around the city

7:30 – 7:50 Legislature

- \$1.45 million for housing. A large portion of it for affordable housing
- home prices have skyrocketed in the past year
  - VT housing board is trying to combat the inflating prices
- More of a proactive conversation about gun policy from Chittenden representatives
- Two climate bills were vetoed by the governor that were trying to reduce carbon based heating in the winter

8:10 - 8:30 Partnership for a Health Community Presenter: Mariah Flynn, Coalition Director

- People who are most likely to abuse or misuse substances begin using before the age of 18
- Policies and Community have the most effect in order to help prevent substance misuse
- Kids are impacted the most by advertising
- More information and Maps can be found at <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/dd4f6134e7b34282bd8efafa24976c18>
- As well as <http://www.burlingtonpartnership.org/category/resources/general-resources/>

8:30-9:00 Parks & Rec: Public Safety Discussion Presenters: Alec Kaeding, and a member of the park rangers

- Past two years the BPD have tried to be more transparent
  - Not as successful as Chief Murad would like
- Staffing is still an issue at BPD now hovering around 50 sworn officers
- New position has been developed named community support liaison in order to help with staffing issues
  - These people are master's level social workers who can help with lower priority calls
- There is a plan to help increase staffing over the next three years
- Six members of the new Park Rangers
- These people are meant to be educational and be a resource for community members at the parks
- The Park Rangers and new positions within the department will be working closely together and meet on a weekly basis
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9:00 Adjourn